additionally is on the decrease. For the country as a whole the achievements under the "National Family Welfare Programmes" have been quite substantial.

Some States/UTs like Goa, Nagaland, Delhi, Kerala, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh and Mizoram have already achieved goals set for the year 2010 and States/UTs like Manipur, Daman & Diu, Kamataka, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep are close to achieving the goals. However, other States are lagging behind primarily on account of slow achievements of socio-economic indicators.

National Population Policy adopted in February, 2000, envisages partnership of non-Government voluntary organizations, the private corporate sector, Government, and the community towards the national effort for achieving early population stabilisation. The national programme to reach out to households cannot be sustained by Government alone. Triggered by rising incomes and institutional finance, private health care has grown significantly, with an impressive pool of expertise and management skills, and currently accounts for nearly 75 per cent of health care expenditures. The Government has involved Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) for provisioning of service delivery in unserved and underserved population of the country. By now Government has recognized Mother NGO for 439 districts of the country, through which a network of 1,000 NGOs is now in place. Four Regional Resource Centres in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Dindigul, have been recognized, which will help in capacity building of these NGOs. The Government also had detailed consultations with Rotary International, Confederation of Indian Industries (Cll), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for their support in extending family welfare services in partnership with the Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Construction of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road

441. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) in which year construction of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road (Manipur-Nagaland) was proposed and included in Work Programme;

(b) by when the construction of the road will actually be taken up;

(c) the causes for the delay in taking up the work, so far; and

(d) the agency which will execute the work?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRIARUN SHOURIE): (a)The construction of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road was proposed in financial year 1999-2000. It has not been included in the Works Programme.

(b) and (c) The work can be taken up only after appropriate approvals. In the Tenth Plan, the proposal for the stretch of Road from Mahadev to Tolloi for a length of 70 Kms. has been proposed to be taken up at a cost of Rs. 45 Cr. The work can be considered for approval and taken up only after the Planning Commission gives its opinion.

(d) The Agency for execution of the work will be finalized after the receipt of appropriate approvals.

Status of PM's Commitment

442. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Prime Minister's commitment as per the Shillong declaration of January, 2000;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure funds availability to meet the disbursement targets set for NEDF and benefits derived so far from the disbursement;

(c) the status of RIDF targets set for NABARD in the declaration and the achievements; and

(d) the reasons for any shortfall and the steps taken to meet the commitments?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Prime Minister had announced an Agenda for Socio-economic Development of North-Eastern States and